

GOLDEN TELECOM INC
Form SC 13D/A
February 05, 2008

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No. 5)*

GOLDEN TELECOM, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

38122G107

(CUSIP Number)

Bjørn Hogstad

Telenor ASA

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February 5, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP NO. 38122G107

1 Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Nye Telenor East Invest AS

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

a.

b.

3 SEC Use Only

4 Source of Funds (See Instructions)

AF

5 Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6 Citizenship or Place of Organization

Norway

7 Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares 7,369,972
8 Shared Voting Power

Beneficially

Owned by -0-
9 Sole Dispositive Power
Each

Reporting

Person 7,369,972
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7,369,972

12 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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18.3% of the outstanding Common Stock

14 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO SCHEDULE 13D

The statement on Schedule 13D relating to the shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the Common Stock), of Golden Telecom, Inc. (Golden Telecom), as previously jointly filed by Nye Telenor East Invest AS, Telenor Networks Holding AS (as successor to Telenor Business Solutions Holding AS) and Telenor ASA (as amended by Amendment Nos. 1 through 4 thereto, the Statement), is hereby amended and supplemented with respect to the items set forth below. Except as provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported in the Statement.

This Amendment to the Statement is being jointly filed by Nye Telenor East Invest AS (Nye Telenor), Telenor Networks Holding AS (Telenor Networks) and Telenor ASA (Telenor ASA) and, together with Nye Telenor and Telenor Networks, collectively, the Reporting Persons).

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Item 4 is hereby supplemented with the following information:

This Amendment is being filed by the Reporting Persons to report their filing of an amended Schedule 13E-3 Transaction Statement (together with the Schedule 13E-3 filed on January 18, 2008, the Schedule 13E-3) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) with respect to the tender offer by Lillian Acquisition, Inc. (Merger Sub), a wholly-owned subsidiary of VimpelCom Finance B.V. (Parent), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Open Joint Stock Company Vimpel-Communications (VimpelCom), in respect of any and all outstanding shares of Common Stock of Golden Telecom at a price per share of \$105.00 in cash (the Tender Offer). The Tender Offer is being made in connection with the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 21, 2007, among Parent, Merger Sub and Golden Telecom (the Merger Agreement), pursuant to which, after the Tender Offer is consummated and subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Golden Telecom (the Merger).

Telenor has decided to tender all its shares of the Company s common stock into the Offer, and has tendered its shares in accordance with the instructions described in the Offer to Purchase. Telenor reserves the right, exercisable in its sole discretion, to withdraw the shares of the Company s common stock tendered by it prior to the expiration of the Offer.

Except as disclosed in this Amendment and the Reporting Persons Schedule 13E-3, the Reporting Persons are not parties to, nor do they have any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in, any extraordinary corporate transaction, any change in Golden Telecom s present board of directors or management, or any other material change to Golden Telecom or its business.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 5, 2008

NYE TELENOR EAST INVEST AS

By: /s/ Bjørn Hogstad
Name: Bjørn Hogstad
Title: Attorney-in-fact

TELENOR NETWORKS HOLDING AS

By: /s/ Bjørn Hogstad
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TELENOR ASA

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